

I. LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims of the application is being provided for the convenience of the Examiner. No amendments have been made to the claims.

1-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Previously presented) A method of effectively treating pain in humans, comprising orally administering to a human patient an oral dosage form comprising analgesic compounds consisting essentially of (i) nimesulide and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

39-46. (Cancelled)

47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the ratio of oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to nimesulide and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is from about 0.0001:1 to about 1:1.

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the oxycodone is present in the pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the dosage form further comprises a sustained release carrier which provides a sustained release of the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the dosage form further comprises a sustained release carrier which provides a sustained release of the nimesulide and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the nimesulide and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is present in an amount from about 0.5 mg to about 1500 mg.

52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 51, wherein the nimesulide and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is present in an amount of 100 mg.

53. (Previously presented) The method of any of claims 38, 47 or 49-52, wherein the analgesic compounds comprise oxycodone in an amount from 2.5 mg to 800 mg.